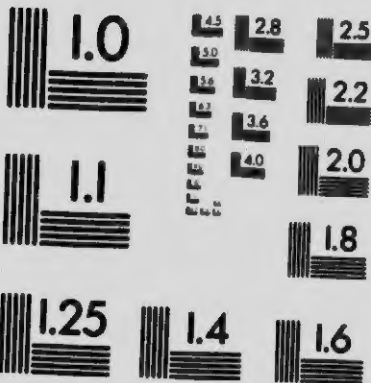


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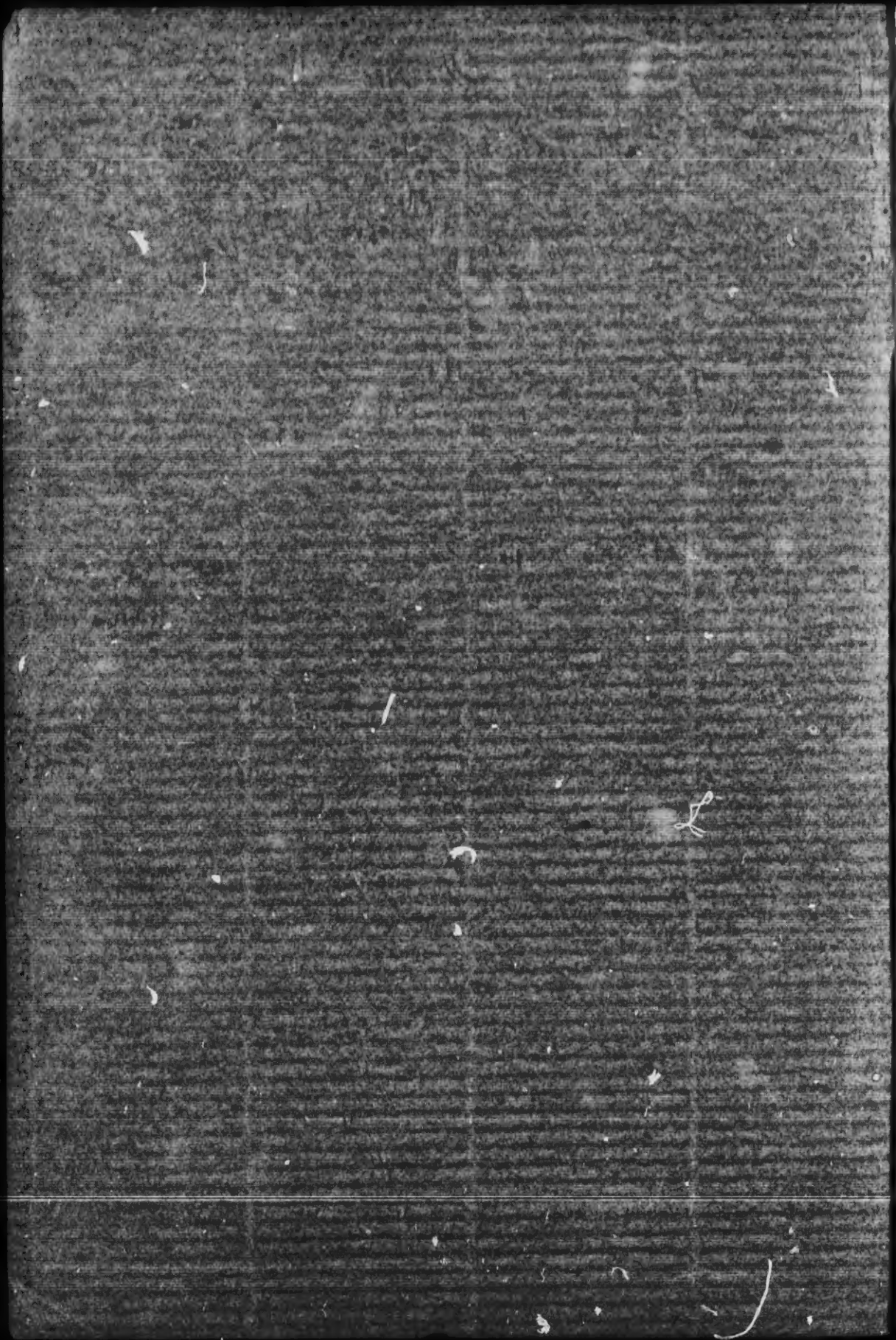
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**THE QUEEN VICTORIA COTTAGE HOSPITALS, TO BE
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FUND, IN CONNECTION WITH THE VICTORIAN ORDER
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At the third Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, held at Government House on Thursday, March 14th, 1901, (His Excellency, the Governor General in the Chair), the following resolution was adopted in respect of the Queen Victoria Cottage Hospitals:

Moved by Senator G. A. Cox, Toronto,

Seconded by Senator Ellis, St. John,

Whereas Her Excellency the Countess of Minto, the Honorary President of the Order, has been pleased to propose that a special effort be made to establish Cottage Hospitals in the North-West Territories, and elsewhere in Canada, and that in commemoration of the life of our late gracious and beloved Queen such hospitals be called Queen Victoria Cottage Hospitals;

Therefore be it resolved:—

1. That the Board of Governors most heartily approve of the proposal and pledge themselves to its support;
2. That to that end a special fund be created for the establishment and maintenance of Cottage Hospitals in the North-West Territories and elsewhere in Canada;
3. That the special fund so to be created be kept in a separate account from other funds of the Order, and be used only for the establishment and maintenance of such hospitals;
4. That for the management of each hospital a District Committee or Local Association (as may from time to time be found most expedient) be constituted in accordance with the Charter and By-laws of the Order;
5. That Her Excellency be asked to allow her name to be associated with the proposed extension of the work of the Order, and that in case she consents, the fund so to be created be called "The Lady Minto Cottage Hospital Fund," and that any Cottage Hospital so established or maintained be styled and known as "The Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital at (adding the name of the place as the case may be);" and that a tablet be placed in each hospital to show that it was erected to commemorate the life of the Queen, and also the date when and the fund by means of which it was erected.

The following resolution as to organization was also adopted:

Moved by the President, Mr. Justice Burbidge,

Seconded by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, D. D.,

That the members of the Board of Governors and of the Executive Council of the Victorian Order of Nurses, with Senator Ellis and Mr. Dymont, M. P., be a Committee with full power and authority to carry out Her Excellency the Countess of Minto's suggestion in respect of Cottage Hospitals;

That the Committee have power to add to its numbers;

That His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada, be Chairman of the Committee; and

That the President and Vice-Presidents of the Order be Vice-Chairmen; that Mr. J. M. Courtney, C. M. G., be Treasurer; and that Mr. James W. Robertson be Secretary of the Committee.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SUGGESTIONS OF HER EXCELLENCY THE COUNTESS OF MINTO AS TO THE EXTENSION OF THE WORK OF THE VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES IN RESPECT OF COTTAGE HOSPITALS.

The Need and Value of Cottage Hospitals.

Section 5 (*d*) of the Royal Charter of the Victorian Order states that one of the objects of the Order is "to assist in providing small Cottage Hospitals or Homes."

Since the Order began its work in the winter of 1897-98, it has in addition to its work in carrying on District Nursing, helped to provide such hospitals at Vernon, B.C., Regina, N.W.T., Shoal Lake, Man., Thessalon, Ont., and Fort William, Ont.

The form in which help was given has varied in the individual cases. It has always included the visits of our chief lady superintendent, Miss Macleod, and her most experienced advice, the providing of nurses and their assistants, and the general supervision of the nurses' work. In addition, grants of money from the Central Fund of the Order have in some cases been given. The sum of \$400 was granted to the Hospital at Vernon, B. C. during its first year, but it is now flourishing upon its own earnings and the grant provided for

hospitals by the Provincial Government. During 1900 fees were paid by patients to the amount of \$700, and District Nursing by one of the two nurses, when hospital work allowed it to be done, brought in \$300.

Wherever a Cottage Hospital has been placed it has proved of the greatest value, and there must be a very large field throughout the North-West, and indeed in all rural districts in Canada, for institutions of this kind.

From what Her Excellency observed and learned during a recent extended tour in the West she was led to think that, there at least, the Victorian Order of Nurses can turn its organization to the best account by assisting "in providing small Cottage Hospitals," to use once more the wording of the Royal-Charter. It is to be remembered that this is no new branch of the Order's work, but a special effort to develop that part of it which seems to be adapted to the regions concerned.

Hospitals are already in existence in nearly all the large centres of population. As is well known they are doing good work; and in the more distant and sparsely settled localities, from which in many cases patients cannot be conveyed long distances to these centres, Cottage Hospitals would be of real benefit.

Cottage Hospitals have also an important educational value. Each is in itself an example of the skilled care of the sick, and where necessary the assistance of untrained women can be used in the hospital, under supervision of the physician and nurse, so that in their measure such hospitals can become little training schools in their districts. In the Regina Hospital, help of this kind has been used with the happiest results. The Cottage Hospital at Vernon, B.C., affords an example of the usefulness of Cottage Hospitals as centres for District Nursing.

To Bear the Name of Our Late Beloved Queen.

As Queen Victoria had indicated her desire that the celebrations to mark the completion of the sixtieth year of her reign should be

associated with efforts towards relieving the sufferings of the sick, the establishment and maintenance of Cottage Hospitals, to bear her name, will be a worthy memorial of the life of our late gracious and beloved Queen.

The Fund and Its Uses.

With a view to advance this new effort, Her Excellency proposes that a Fund be created to assist in establishing and maintaining such hospitals.

There is reason to believe that assistance will be given by the Dominion Government for the work in the North-West Territories; and it is hoped that grants may be made by Provincial Governments, to be expended entirely within the Province making them.

It is expected that Municipal bodies will give substantial aid in places where such hospitals are needed. Committees may be constituted to take such steps as are necessary to obtain funds to erect them. All sums raised locally could be counted as donations to the Lady Minto Cottage Hospital Fund and would be used only for the hospital towards which they were subscribed.

In case the people in any district or municipality were unable to raise the full amount required for the erection and maintenance, an application for help might be made to the Committee in charge of the Central Fund, of which Mr. J. M. Courtney, C.M.G., Ottawa, is Treasurer.

Her Excellency has already received a donation of \$2,000 from an anonymous friend, and there can be no doubt that many others, interested in such good work and possessed of the means, will be willing to contribute.

Finally an appeal may be made to the benevolent public to aid the work generally.

Wherever a hospital is provided by funds wholly supplied from the Central Fund, the property will be vested in the Board of Governors of the Victorian Order, but where the building is erected and equipped in whole or greater part by local subscriptions and collections, the property will be vested in a Local Association or Trustees.

An Estimate of Costs.

Plans for a six-bed and a ten-bed hospital have been prepared by Mr. E. L. Horwood, architect, Ottawa, and approved by Her Excellency and the Executive Council of the Order. Reduced copies of the smaller of these will be found at the end of this statement. The cost of a hospital for six patients, nurse, assistant and servant, can be kept within \$2,500 varying with the cost of material and labor in different localities; \$500 may be added as a very modest estimate for furnishing and supplies, which would be supplemented in kind by local friends.

It will be seen that the plan provides for two private rooms for patients, which would be a source of revenue; and even in the public wards something might be charged those who were able to pay.

The salary of the nurse would not be less than \$325, that of the untrained assistant about \$150; the wages of a servant, board of nurses and patients, might come to about \$800 per annum.

Estimated initial expenditure:—

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| Building | \$2,500.00 |
| Furnishing | 500.00 |
| Total | <u>\$3,000.00</u> |

Maintenance, Salaries, etc.,

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| Nurse | \$400.00 |
| Assistant..... | 150.00 |
| Servant and board of nurses and patients | 800.00 |
| Drugs and dressings | 150.00 |
| Lighting, heating and sundries... .. | 350.00 |
| Total..... | <u>\$1,850.00</u> |

Against this should be put the earnings of the private wards and donations of patients, and possibly some receipts from District Nursing, the amount of which cannot be estimated, but which would without doubt be increased from year to year.

To Whom Donations and Applications may be Sent.

A complete set of blue prints of the plans of a hospital, of either size, scale $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to the foot, with specifications, will be forwarded to any Committee on application to Dr. T. Gibson, Hon. Secretary of the Victorian Order, Ottawa.

Copies of the Royal Charter and By-laws of the Order can be had from the same source.

Applications for nurses should be sent to Miss Charlotte Macleod, Chief Lady Superintendent, 578 Somerset Street, Ottawa.

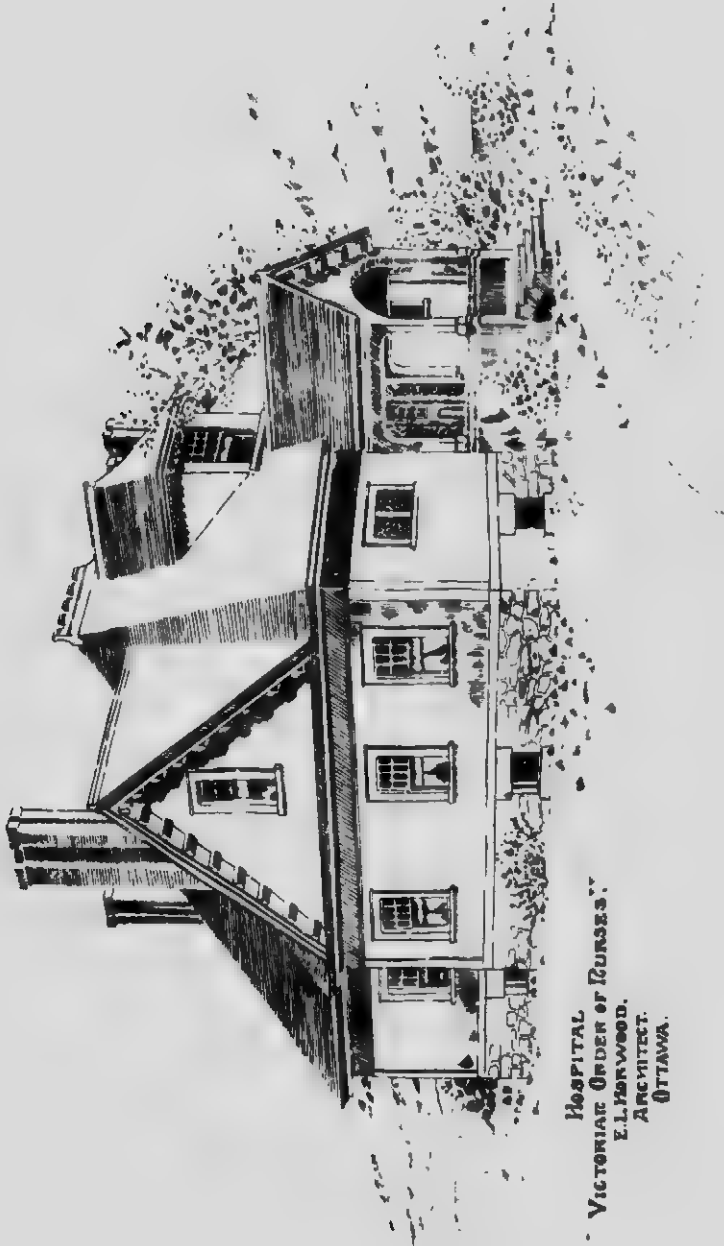
Donations in aid of the Lady Minto Cottage Hospital Fund, may be sent to Her Excellency the Countess of Minto, Government House, Ottawa, or to the Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa, or may be paid in at any branch of any chartered Bank to be forwarded to Headquarters.

By direction of the Committee.

JAS. W. ROBERTSON,

Secretary.

Ottawa, 28th March, 1901.

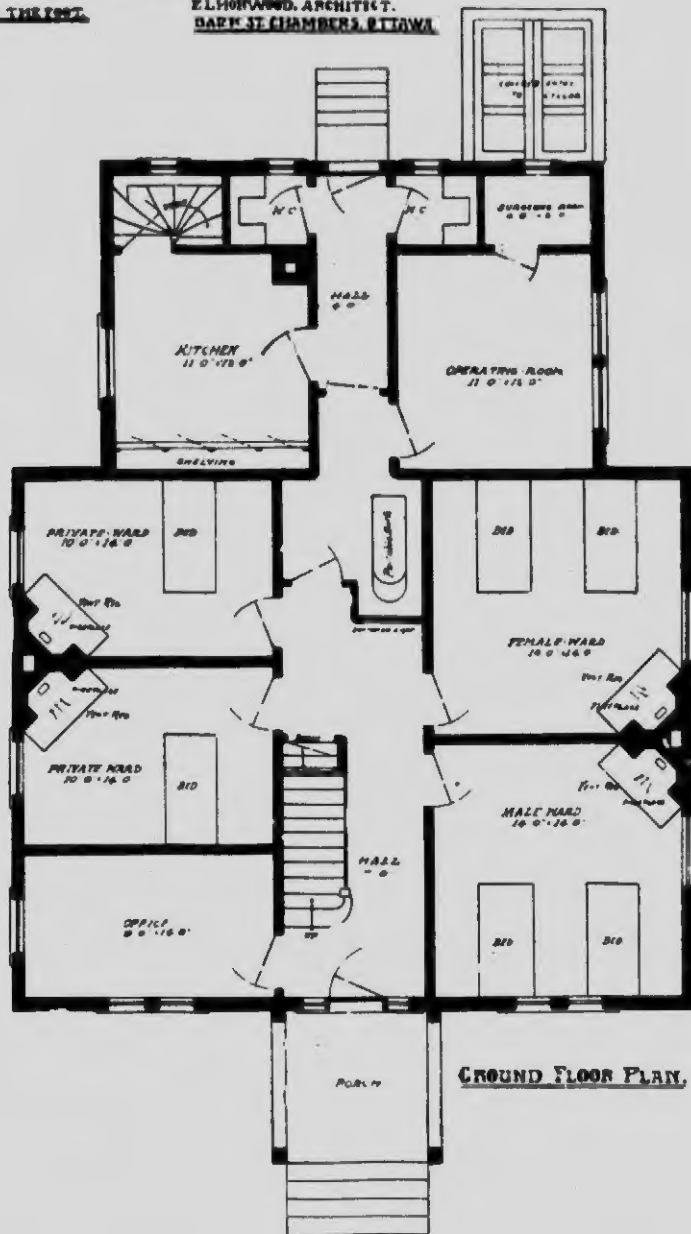


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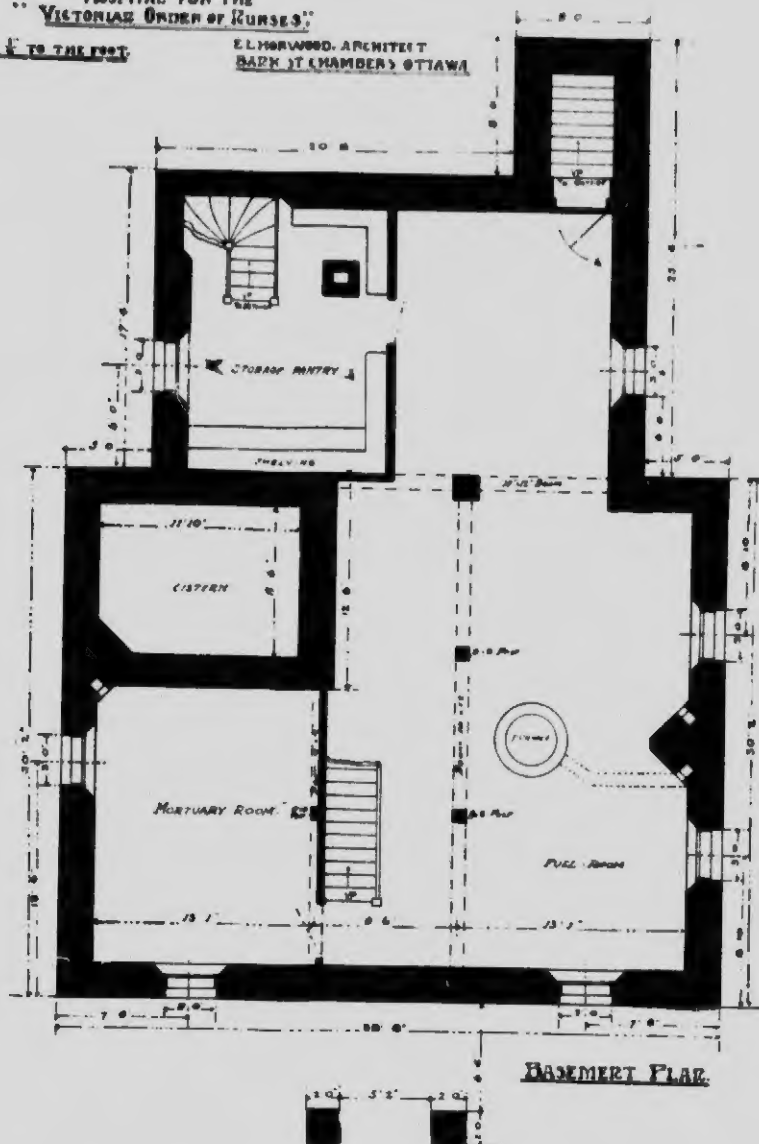
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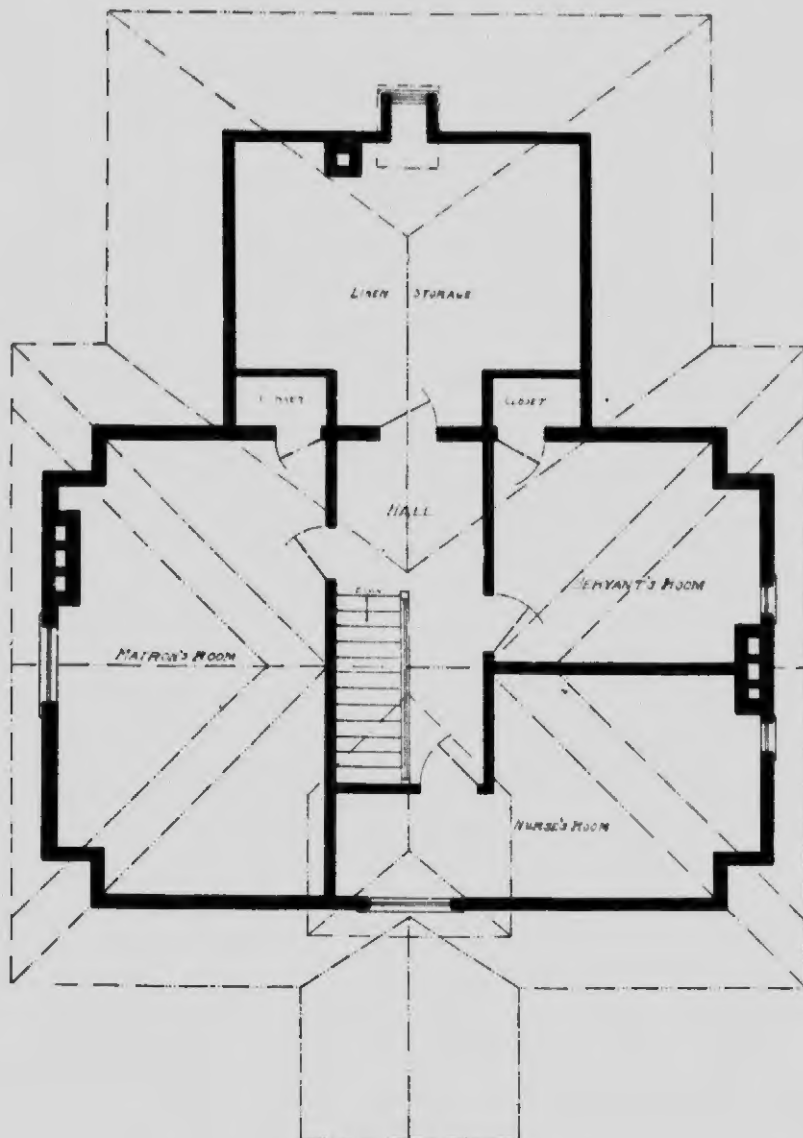


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E. L. HUGHES, ARCHITECT
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FIRST FLOOR & ROOF PLAN.

